IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: M. Dahlbäck et al.

Application No.: 09/857,606

Group Art Unit: 1742

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Examiner: H. Wilkins, III

For:

ZIRCONIUM BASED ALLOY AND COMPONENT IN A NUCLEAR ENERGY

PLANT

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's non-final Office Action dated November 7, 2006, kindly add new claims 41-43 as indicated below.